



**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q64784

Hayato YAMAUCHI

Appln. No.: 09/881,108

Group Art Unit: 3682

Confirmation No.: 7294

Examiner: William C. JOYCE

Filed: June 15, 2001

For: PINION SLIP-OFF PREVENTIVE STRUCTURE OF STARTING APPARATUS

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 7, 2002, please note our within Reply for the above-identified Application.

**REMARKS**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for foreign priority and the receipt of the priority document.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for reviewing and considering the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statements.

Proposed Corrected Drawings are provided herewith responsive to the Examiner's objection. The proposed Corrected Drawings contain no new matter. The Examiner is requested to approve the proposed Corrected Drawings.